

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE/ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1005) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

An original bill (S. 1004) making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., Linda W. Cropp, Acting Chairman, District of Columbia Council, and Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, all of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, July 16.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded oversight hearings to review information processing challenges of the Year 2000 for certain financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Larry Martin, Data Dimensions, Bellevue, Washington; David M. Iacino, Millennium Project/BankBoston, Boston, Massachusetts; Jeff Jinnett, LeBoeuf Computing Technologies/LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, New York, New York; and Alfred R. Berkeley III, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., Washington, D.C.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation held hearings to review the preliminary findings of a General Accounting Office study on the health, condition, and viability of the range and wildlife populations in Yellowstone National Park, receiving testimony from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings to examine the causes, impacts, and uncertainties of global climate change, receiving testimony from Eric J. Barron, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; John R. Christy, University of Alabama, Huntsville; Richard S. Lindzen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dale W. Jorgenson, Harvard University, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Stephen H. Schneider, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Hearings continue on Thursday, July 17.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, John C. Holzman, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving further testimony from Richard Sullivan, Perkins Coie, Washington, D.C., former Deputy Finance and Finance Director, Democratic National Committee.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 15.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Katharine Sweeney Hayden, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Anthony W. Ishii, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Henry Harold Kennedy, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Also, committee adopted the Subcommittee on Immigration rules of procedure concerning private immigration relief legislation for the 105th Congress.

Also, committee began mark up of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—REHABILITATION ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Employment and Training concluded hearings

on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rehabilitation Act, including H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Fredric K. Schroeder, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, and Katherine Seelman, Director, National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research, all of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; Eric Parks and Traci Meece, both of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Columbus; Kevin S. Veller, Vermont Association of Business, Industry, and Rehabilitation, Winooski; Jay Johnson, Options Interstate Resource Center for Independent Living, East Grand Forks, Minnesota; Janet E. Samuelson and Douglas Taksar, both of the Fairfax Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Paul Marchand, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Washington, D.C.; and Bobby C. Simpson, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Hot Springs, on behalf of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.

OSHA REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and related reform proposals, including S. 551, S. 461, and S. 765, after receiving testimony from Senators Gregg, Hutchison, and Enzi; Gregory R. Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Harry Morley, Taylor-Morley Homes, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Jeff W. Johnston,

Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; Michael A. Lail, Raines Brothers Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Eric Frumin, Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees/AFL-CIO, New York, New York; F.M. Lunn, Jr., Coalition on Occupational Safety and Health, Falls Church, Virginia; Steven C. Lewis, American Industrial Health Council, Washington, D.C.; and Nancy Lessin, Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, Boston.

INDIAN GAMING FEE ASSESSMENTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the National Indian Gaming Commission and proposed legislation to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to enable the National Indian Gaming Commission to assess additional fees to cover the costs of regulating the Indian gaming industry, after receiving testimony from Tom Foley and Philip N. Hogen, both of the National Indian Gaming Commission, Richard G. Hill and Tim Wapato, both of the National Indian Gaming Association, and W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, all of Washington, D.C.; Virgil Murphy, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Bowler, Wisconsin; and Russell Welsh, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, Arizona, and Jacob Coin, Phoenix, Arizona, both on behalf of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2132–2149; 1 private bill, H.R. 2150; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 114 and H. Res. 183, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal Vote: By a yea-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 256, the House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of Wednesday, July 9.

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Balanced Budget Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, and agreed to a conference.

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